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## **Michigan Call to Action to Reduce and Prevent Infant Mortality Summit MEDIA AGENDA Monday, Oct. 17, 2011**

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- 8:40 a.m.     **Welcome and Introduction**  
*Gerald R. Ford Presidential Ballroom*
- Olga Dazzo, Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health
- 8:45 a.m.     **Opening Remarks**  
*Gerald R. Ford Presidential Ballroom*
- Governor Rick Snyder
- 9:00 a.m.     **Infant Mortality in Michigan Presentation**  
*Gerald R. Ford Presidential Ballroom*
- Lawrence Reynolds, M.D., F.A.A.P.  
President and C.E.O., Mott Children's Medical Center
  - Mouhanad Hammami, M.D.  
Acting Health Officer, Chief of Health Operations  
Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services
  - Valerie M. Parisi, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.  
Dean of the Wayne State University School of Medicine
- 10:45 a.m.     **Charge to Workgroups, MDCH Director Olga Dazzo**  
*Gerald R. Ford Presidential Ballroom*
- 11:00 a.m.     **Individual Media Interviews**  
*Prefunction B Hallway*
- Olga Dazzo  
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## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY**

### **Olga Dazzo, Director Michigan Department of Community Health**

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In January 2011, Governor Rick Snyder appointed Olga Dazzo Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

A veteran leader in the health care industry, she has a proven track record of improving the health of citizens *and* the health care delivery system.

Prior to joining the Department of Community Health, Dazzo was President and CEO of Health Reform Innovations, helping health care organizations improve services and lower costs in the midst of national challenges and reforms. From 2007–2010 Dazzo served as Senior Vice President and Executive Director of Jackson Health Plans at Jackson Health Systems in Miami, Florida. She also spent more than a decade as President and CEO of Physicians Health Plan (PHP), an affiliate of Sparrow Health System.

Dazzo has served on numerous boards and received many awards, including the Michigan Association of Health Plans' Ellis J. Bonner Outstanding Achievement Award for exemplary service in health care innovation.

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Dr. Lawrence Reynolds is President and C.E.O. of Mott Children's Health Center and President of the Michigan American Academy of Pediatrics. He also serves as Board Member of the Michigan Chapter of the International Dyslexia Association; and Board Member of the Genesee County Medical Society.

Previously, he was the Executive Vice President, the Clinical Director, the Medical Director, and a Pediatric Consultant for Mott Children's Health Center; Physician Mentor for the Hurley Physician Hospital Organization of Mid-Michigan; and founding board member and Network Quality Chair for Genesee Health Plan. Dr. Reynolds has also been Medical Consultant for the Flint/Genesee Job Corp Center. From 1992-2001, he was Pediatrician/Medical Director for Hamilton Family Health Center in Flint. He served as President of the Genesee County Medical Society for 18 months through December 2005. He served as Chairman of the PRIDE Medical Services Committee.

Since 2001, Dr. Reynolds has been a Clinical Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, Attending for Residents in Adolescent Medicine at Hurley Medical Center Department of Pediatrics.

Dr. Reynolds was a National Health Service Corp Scholarship recipient who has worked in federally-qualified health centers or other health organizations caring for underserved communities for most of his career. He has practiced pediatrics in Detroit and Flint since 1982.

Dr. Reynolds earned his B.A. from Wayne State University in 1974 and his M.D. from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., in 1979.

He recently received the Alfred Humanitarian Award from the Community Foundation of Flint.

**Mouhanad Hammami, M.D.**  
**Acting Health Officer, Chief of Health Operations**  
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A graduate of Aleppo University, Syria, Dr. Hammami completed his postdoctoral research in Pediatrics at the Newborn Center of the University of Tennessee in Memphis, and then accepted a faculty appointment at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit and a research position at the Detroit Medical Center, Department of Pediatrics.

Dr. Hammami was involved in many clinical studies ranging from the effect of infant formula on bone mineralization in newborns to new childhood vaccine trials.

In 2006, he was granted the American Medical Association (AMA) foundation for Excellence in Medicine and Leadership award for his public health advocacy and community work. He is listed in the Marquis 2006-2007 Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, Strathmore's 2006-2007 Who's Who in Healthcare and Madison's Who's Who in the World 2008-2009.

Dr. Hammami served as Executive Director of the National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA) from 2006 to 2009 and was recently elected as president for 2011. He currently serves as the Chief of Health Operations of Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Hammami is a member of several professional and honor societies and has had many publications in various medical journals.

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**Valerie M. Parisi, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.**

**Dean of the Wayne State University School of Medicine**

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Valerie M. Parisi, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., was named the 15th dean of the Wayne State University School of Medicine in July 2010. In addition to leading the nation's largest single-campus medical school, Dr. Parisi, an obstetrician/gynecologist, is a national leader in medical education and in the evaluation and certification of physicians. She serves as co-principal investigator for a federal grant to establish an Area Health Education Center program in Michigan.

Dr. Parisi serves as co-chair of the Liaison Committee for Medical Education, which accredits medical schools in the United States and Canada, and as secretary-treasurer of the American Board of Medical Specialties. Prior to being named dean of the Wayne State University School of Medicine, Dr. Parisi served as interim dean for a year and as vice dean of Hospital Relations & Clinical Affairs beginning in July 2007.

Crain's Detroit Business named Dr. Parisi one of its 2010 Women to Watch for her leadership in strengthening the School of Medicine's relationships with its clinical partners.

Dr. Parisi previously was dean of medicine, chief academic officer and vice president for academic program administration at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. In her tenure there, she also held the Thomas N. and Gleaves James Distinguished Chair, was advisor to the president, and a professor of obstetrics and gynecology. She was the first woman medical school dean in Texas.

Dr. Parisi was elected president of the Society for Perinatal Obstetricians (now the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine) in 1995 after serving six years on its board of directors.

She was director of the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and a director of the board from 1998 to 2008.

## **Infant Mortality Background Information**

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### **Infant Mortality Facts**

- The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) is determined by the number of infant deaths (before age 1) per 1,000 live births.
- IMR is an important indicator of the prenatal care, access to care and birth process for both child and mother.
- Infant mortality is considered a primary indicator of a community's health and well-being.

### **Infant Mortality Summit**

- The purpose of this summit is to seek input from key stakeholders from across the state on refining the state action plan for reducing infant mortality in Michigan.
- Participants will identify priority strategies for reducing infant mortality rates.
- In line with the Governor's message on health and wellness, participants will also be asked to identify the role they or their organization will play in supporting the priority strategies identified at the summit.
- Infant mortality is a key indicator of the overall health of a population and MDCH's goal with this summit is to continue to find ways to improve the overall health of Michiganders.

## **Infant Mortality in Michigan**

- Throughout the last 30 years, Michigan has reduced its rate from about 20 percent in 1970 to 7.7 percent in 2010.
  - However, Michigan still has one of the worst IMR in the nation, with a ranking of 37.
- As of 2010, Michigan's infant mortality rate is 7.7. The 2010 infant death rate for the United States is 6.7.
- African-American infants are 2.5 to 3 times more likely than Caucasian infants to die before reaching their first birthdays.
- In 2009, the infant mortality rate for Caucasians was 5.4 per 1,000 live births while the African-American rate was 15.5 per 1,000 live births. The infant mortality rate for infants of other races was 6.6 per 1,000 live births.
- Unfortunately, the infant mortality rate in Michigan has increased over the past three years.
  - In 2008, the IMR was 7.4.
  - In 2009, the IMR was 7.5.
  - In 2010, the IMR was 7.7.
- The disparities with infant mortality have persisted in Michigan for more than a decade despite providing an array of programs and interventions to address the issue.

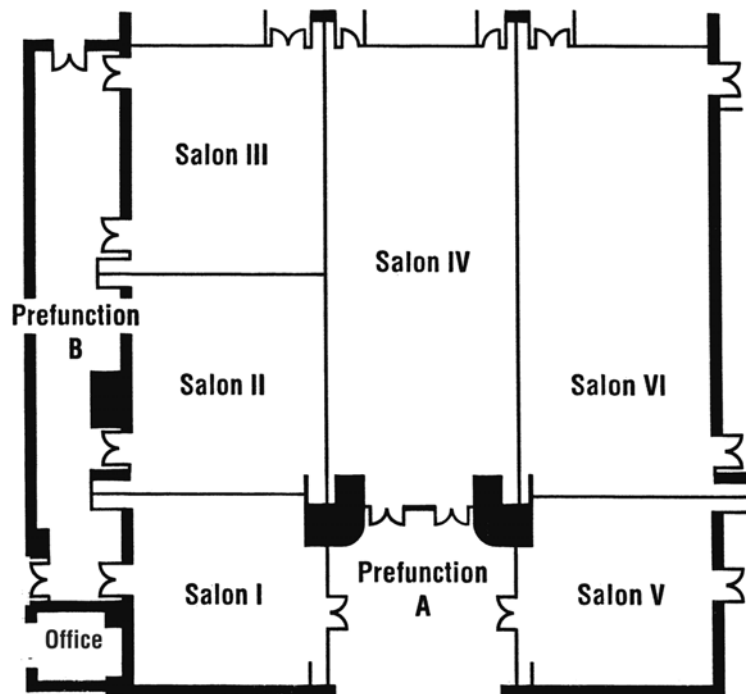
## **Social Determinants and Contributing Factors**

- Social determinants of health means those things related to where we live, work, learn and play all impact out health.
- Consideration of social determinants of health are important to improve birth outcomes.
- Of the various factors that contribute to infant mortality, there are four main issues: individual and family circumstances, social issues, medical conditions, and health care.
- There are three overarching causes behind infant mortality disparities: gender oppression, institutional racism, and economic disparity.
- Better pregnancy outcomes are seen when the pregnancy is planned.
- Health is impacted by a confluence of environmental, behavioral and genetic factors throughout life.





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